

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, during the summer of 2006, the City of El Paso was subject to a 100 year flood event;

**WHEREAS**, the summer of 2006 flood event caused significant impact to public housing and property and endangered the lives of the residents of El Paso;

**WHEREAS**, the levee system along the Rio Grande River has not been maintained properly for the last 30 years;

**WHEREAS**, dredging of the sediment in the Rio Grande River has not taken place since the year 1994;

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States declared the City of El Paso in a state of emergency due to the heavy flooding that occurred in the summer of 2006;

**WHEREAS**, it is highly possible that flooding events will reoccur during the upcoming summer of 2007 thus creating a risk to public safety;

**WHEREAS**, the International Boundary and Water Commission is responsible for the maintenance of the levee system and the dredging of sediment along the Rio Grande River;

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Carlos Marin of the International Boundary and Water Commission has decertified the levee system in the upper portion of the City of El Paso along the Rio Grande River;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

THAT, the City of El Paso officially requests that the International Boundary and Water Commission take some immediate action to remove the sediment of the river in those areas needed, especially in areas close to Yarbrough Street and the Upper Valley; and further that Commissioner Carlos Marin of the International Boundary and Water Commission provide the City of El Paso with a plan and timeline to achieve certification of the levee system, and a plan on how the International Boundary and Water Commission will protect public safety in the event of another flooding event during the upcoming summer of 2007 and not raise the levee.

ADOPTED this the 27th day of February 2007.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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Mayor

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